

R. Edgar's COLUMN

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None of the "Preparedness" training camps in California will be as interesting as the one in which Willie Ritchie is training to become an aviator. There is a great deal of enthusiasm over military training on the Pacific Coast because of the suspicion that Japan may come over here some day and land an army of a million men. The Pacific Coast is only one of several thousand Californians who are going through a regular period of training for army work. The big camp is at Monterey. "It's fine and I am strong for it," writes Ritchie. "I have joined the aviation corps and have begun flying. I have been promoted to the position of master mechanic of my company. There are now 1,200 rookies in this camp, and all hustlers."

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Another aviator, not yet in the service, is Les Darcy. The Australian fighter is on the reserve list and hasn't been called upon yet, but has been training as an air man. An American recently returned from Australia says that Darcy is much more anxious to come to America to fight with his fists than to go to the front in Europe. Some of his managers tried to smuggle him out of Australia, once taking him aboard a ship disguised as a Chinaman. But he was discovered. The report that Darcy is coming to this country to fight hasn't been authorized in Australia, where no able-bodied native is allowed to leave during the war.

Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion of the world, has a contract with Darcy and believes that he will be able to bring him over for three fights. Burns has a great number of friends in Australia, where he made a great hit during his fighting days, and if anyone can get Darcy away from Australia, it will be Burns.

Jeff Smith is out with a challenge to either Jack Dillon or Battling Levinsky. Smith is a clever middleweight. His best fighting was done in France, where he met Levinsky and many others, and in Australia. He has tried his utmost to corner Dillon and Levinsky and sign them up, but without avail, writes Smith's manager.

Why shouldn't Dillon or Levinsky satisfy this longing of Smith's, anyway? It might provide an interesting entertainment for all concerned. And Levinsky and Dillon must be weary of meeting each other.

I'm invited by Clam Macduff to go to Dal Hawkins' place Saturday and see "a real man's sport-tossing the caber." The last caber tosser

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AS AN AVIATOR, WILLIE RITCHIE STARTS A NEW FAD FOR FIGHTERS



EAST AND WEST DIVIDE OPENING TENNIS HONORS

Church Defeats Griffin 6-3,
6-4, While Murray Beats
Washburn 6-1, 6-3.

By William Abbott.

FOREST HILLS, L. I., Aug. 4.—The greatest tennis players in the country went into action on the West Side turf courts here this afternoon to battle for the sectional championship of the United States. The Eastern team, led by former National Champion R. W. Williams, was composed of racquet wielders from New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The West team played under direction of William M. Johnston, the twenty-year-old national title holder.

There were about 3,000 tennis fans in the sun-baked stands when Clarence Griffin of California and George Church of New York trotted out from the clubhouse for the opening match.

Church, intercollegiate champion in 1914, towered over his stockier Western opponent, who is an exact duplicate of young Corbett in build. Both players indulged in a brisk preliminary warm up and then quickly swung into action with Church serving.

Church's service went over the net with the speed of a rifle ball and Griffin could not do anything with it, the easterner making the first game a love one.

Little Griffin flashed considerable speed in his service. Church managed to return it, but his shots went out of court, giving Griffin the second game.

Church again had his service well timed and won the third game, though Griffin was having better luck hitting the balls back.

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Griffin returned the compliment in the following game, when he earned the necessary points on three fine side line placements. Church, however, came right back and won the next game on back court shots the Californian failed to get within reach of.

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tended in the second match. Murray, with his rapid fire serving and speedy back court placements, won the first set, six games to one. Washburn seemed powerless to handle Murray's fast ones and was steadily forced on the defensive. Murray seldom allowed his opponent to rush to the net for his favorite smashes, consequently the first set was a walkover for him.

Church continued to keep Griffin on the run, the second set going to the Easterner, six games to four. Church unworked a great variety of strokes, especially a fast cross-court return, and the little Californian never knew what to expect. Griffin frequently broke through Church's service, and then invariably won the deciding point on a fine back court placement. Griffin seemed to improve as the match continued and Church had his hands full winning the second set.

In the other match Murray continued to handle Washburn with an unerring ease. The Westerner's terrific left-handed drive had his New York opponent chasing wildly over the court in an effort to return the ball. Before Washburn realized what happened Murray ran up a lead of five games to three. In the ninth game Washburn had a lead of 30 love, but at this point Murray got busy and won the next four points, giving him the game and set, six games to three.

Church won the third set and match. Griffin continued to play a plucky game in the third set, but his opponent's accuracy in placing shots was the deciding factor. Church stopped a promising rally in the tenth game. When serving, he burned the ball over with so much speed that the Californian could not get near it. The scores were 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

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JOHNNY KILBANE IN HIS FAMOUS AIRPLANE. "TITLE" HE CAN'T FALL OUT BECAUSE HE'S STRAPPED IN.

MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS AND STANDING OF CLUBS

National League				American League			
Club	W.	L.	P.	Club	W.	L.	P.
Brooklyn	57	34	.626	Chicago	55	32	.630
Pittsburgh	52	39	.571	Pittsburgh	50	37	.577
Philadelphia	52	39	.571	Cleveland	46	41	.523
St. Louis	46	46	.500	St. Louis	40	47	.459
Boston	46	46	.500	Boston	36	51	.413
New York	47	45	.511	New York	35	52	.401

Results of Games Yesterday.

Chicago 1, New York 0.
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.
Cincinnati at Boston.
St. Louis at Philadelphia.

Joe Tinker of Cubs Declares Giants Are Best Balanced Club He Ever Saw

"When a Team Can Win Out Against the Kind of Pitching Jim Vaughan Showed," Says Chicago Manager, "Then We Have No Kick Coming."

By Bozeman Bulger.

THE Cubs may not aspire to a championship this fall, heckled as they have been all season, but Joe Tinker's gang has just given the Giants the toughest fight they've had since the club was rejuvenated by the presence of Buck Herzog and Slim Sallee. It was a corker.

They go at it again to-day, and Joe Tinker declares with unusual emphasis that if he can beat the Giants as they are going now he can beat any club in the league.

"That's the best balanced club I ever saw," said Joe last night as the gossip turned to the way Herzog and Fletcher engineered the infield defense. "And now you can understand just how sore we were when we failed to land Herzog for the Cubs."

"When a ball club can win out against the kind of pitching that Jim Vaughan showed, then we've got no kick coming," added Tinker. "The luck is with them as well as the ability."

Joe's kick against the luck is a just one too. Big Jim never pitched a better game in his life, and but for the one crack by Merkle—a long drive into the left field bleachers—the game might have been going yet. And, mind you, if that hit had been a single, a double or a three-bagger, the chances are the Giants would not have scored. It had to be a home run.



Samuel Ross's Ultimatum
Loses Race at Spa Through
Somebody's Fault at Barrier

By Vincent Treanor.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 4.—SAMUEL ROSS'S high class two-year-old Ultimatum suffered his first defeat here yesterday through somebody's fault at the barrier. Nearly everything in the race, especially the winner, was sent away flying, while Ultimatum was left almost still.

Roscoe Troxler, usually a most alert post rider and noted for his ability on two-year-olds in particular, wasn't ready at all with Ultimatum when the webbing was sprung. All Troxler could do under such conditions was to pump his mount after the field, and this he did when the others were all of ten lengths ahead of him.

In less than a sixteenth of a mile Ultimatum went past his field on the outside like a "running fool." Every body in the stand was amazed at the flight of speed that enabled the colt to catch the leaders before the colt's stretch turn was reached.

"He'll walk home now," many said, but others knew different. Troxler had taken everything out of the colt in his effort to make up the ground lost through the bad break and had nothing left to take him the rest of the way.

All things equal, Ultimatum easily beat those which opposed him yesterday. He is a thoroughly good colt and it is the plan of his owner to send him after the English Derby next year if that rich classic is revived.

The East vs. the West. That's what the racing season here amounts to and up to date it is about an even break. Yesterday, for instance, the Westerners to a man went down, heavy, limo and stinko, on Conning Tower here and at other places throughout the country and they cashed. Conning 1, 2, 3, just lasted to the end of the race.

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